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## **USS Ross to Return from Deployment**

NORFOLK, Va. – Just under 300 crewmembers on the guided-missile destroyer USS Ross (DDG 71) will return to their homeport at Norfolk Naval Station on Monday, November 6 after completing a six-month deployment as part of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 (SNMG-2) in support of Operation Active Endeavour (OAE) in the Mediterranean Sea.

While on deployment Ross worked with more than sixty NATO and non-NATO ships from Israel and Russia and submarines and aircraft from England, Greece, Italy, Turkey and the United States. This deployment was designed to be flexible and provided presence and strike power to support joint and allied forces afloat and ashore.

USS Ross is named after the Medal of Honor recipient, Captain Donald Kirby Ross. The ship was commissioned June 28, 1997, in Galveston, Texas.

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**NOTE:** Media partners wishing to cover the return of USS Ross should contact Second Fleet Public Affairs at (757) 443-9850 ext. (x47127) no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, November 2.

**Information on USS Ross is available by visiting <http://www.navy.mil/>. Use the ship type to find information on the ships.**